

Conferences

The Information Ecosystem: Managing the Life Cycle of Information for Preservation and Access will be held March 8-12, 1998, at the National Archives in College Park, Maryland. Sponsored by the NPS Museum Management Program, the National Register of Historic Places, the Northeast Document Conservation Center, and the National Archives and Records Administration, the Conference focuses on:

- understanding who the stakeholders are in the information ecosystem from creators, donors, project managers, individuals, and groups as Subjects, to secondary users such as archival, museum, and library researchers
- comprehending the information life cycle and the value added at each stage of the life cycle
- evaluating information for potential future value
- selecting permanent and durable formats for electronic, textual (paper), and audio-visual information
- planning and designing information systems of long-term value that meet emerging national standards for systems, data content, data values, etc.
- understanding the issues involved in managing information from legal requirements, disposition strategies, and management techniques to performance improvement and problem solving
- learning how to effectively prepare information for secondary access via the World Wide Web and other outreach tools
- discovering how to search the information ecosystem

For course registration, contact the Northeast Document Conservation Center, 100 Brickstone Square, Andover, MA 01810-1494; tel: 508-470-1010; fax: 508-475-6021; email: <nedcc.org>.

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1998 National Aerospace Conference

As a precursor to the celebration of the centennial of powered flight in 2003, the National Aerospace Conference will occur at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, on October 1-3, 1998. As the Birthplace of Aviation and hometown of Wilbur and Orville Wright, Dayton is a fitting location for this conference. While the Wright brothers conducted their experiments in North Carolina, they researched, designed, and constructed all of their gliders and planes in Dayton. After the first successful flight in Kill Devil Hill, North Carolina, on December 17, 1903, the Wrights returned to Dayton to perfect their airplane.

Using the themes of the Evolution of Flight Technology, Flight and Public Policy, and Flight, Culture, and Society, the conference will identify and explore the wide variety of factors that have shaped the development of flight technology throughout the last century. A separate program titled *Our Youth/ Our Future*, will provide on-site learning experiences for students and teachers. The topics developed under the themes will be of interest to historians, industry experts, education specialists, and famous aviation/aerospace pioneers.

In addition to attending conference events, attendees will find many aviation-related sites in the Dayton region. Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park includes The Wright Cycle Company building, the Huffman Prairie Flying Field, and the 1905 Wright Flyer III. Other area museums include the United States Air Force Museum, the WACO Historical Society Museum, and the Neil Armstrong Air and Space Museum. These sites and others, totaling 47, are part of the Aviation Trail, a collection of aviation-related sites that illustrate Dayton's unique place in aviation history.

For more information on the Conference, contact National Aerospace Conference, Conferences and Events, Wright State University, 3640 Colonel Glenn Highway, Dayton, OH 45435, or visit the website at <<http://www.wright.edu/beyond/flight>>.

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